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Allocation under Rural Schemes
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the funds allocated to the States for rural development schemes including National Rural Livelihood Mission (NRLM) is being spent on schemes regularly, if so, the details thereof for the last three years and the current year, State-wise;

(b) whether the funds allocated for NRLM has been returned by some States as it was not used;

(c) if so, the total amount returned to the Union Government by States during the last three years, State-wise;

(d) the details of such States which have not used the funds for the schemes and the reasons therefor; and

(e) the mechanism adopted for proper utilisation of the funds by the State Government under these rural development schemes?

Answer

MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI BIRENDER SINGH)

(a): The Ministry of Rural Development, inter alia, is implementing Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA), National Rural Livelihoods Mission (NRLM), Indira AwaasYojana (IAY), PradhanMantri Gram SadakYojana (PMGSY) and National Social Assistance Programme (NSAP) in rural areas of the country as a part of overall planning process through State Governments and UT Administrations. The State-wise details of funds allocated and utilized under these rural development programmes during the last three years and the current year are given in Annex - I to V respectively.

(b) and (c) :The Ministry of Rural Development was implementing Swarnjayanti Gram SwarozgarYojana (SGSY) since 1999 which has been restructured in June, 2011 as National Rural Livelihoods Mission (NRLM). With the termination of SGSY on 31st March, 2013 the unspent balances under SGSY were transferred to State Rural Livelihoods Missions (SRLMs) for meeting expenditure under NRLM. A statement indicating the SGSY balance transferred to SRLMs and the amount surrendered by the States to the Union Government is at Annex- VI.

(d): During 2014-15, nine States, namely, Andhra Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Karnataka, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Telangana, West Bengal, Mizoram and Nagaland and UT of Puducherry received grants-in-aid under NRLM. The other States did not claim any funds due to availability of sufficient balances of unutilized funds of SGSY for NRLM activities.

(e)Under different rural development programmesthe funds are allocated and released to the State Governments according to the scheme guidelines and utilized as per the norms under the programme. Besides, to ensure proper utilization of funds Ministry has developed a multi-level and multi-tool system of monitoring. The important instruments of monitoring are Review by Union Ministers, On-Line Reporting through MIS, Utilization Certificates/Audit Reports, Performance Review Committee Meetings/Regional Review Meetings, National Level Monitors, Vigilance and Monitoring Committees and Area Officers' Scheme.
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